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Title: Need to run a to and fro fast passenger train in the day time between Kolkata and Murshidabad in West Bengal. - Laid.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHARY (BERHAMPORE, WEST BENGAL): District Murshidabad is situated to the North of the city Kolkata which is the capital of West Bengal. The distance of the district Murshidabad is 200 kms. from Kolkata. This district consists of 55 lakh population. The mode of travel of the people in the district is either bus or train. Thousands of people from this district visit Kolkata every day to earn their livelihood. A large part of the year barring summer, the National Highway 34 linking the district to Kolkata is either damaged or under repair. Naturally common people of the district prefer all the way to Kolkata by train given the comfort it provides. During day time only one express train named Bhagath Fast passenger is available in the morning. It takes 4 and half hours for reaching Kolkata. But, the fact is that there is no down express train in the morning from Kolkata to Murshidabad under Sealdah Division. People of the district have for long been demanding a fast passenger train in the morning between Kolkata and Murshidabad which will in turn facilitate the journey of thousands of passengers to Murshidabad.

Therefore, I urge upon the Railway Minister to run one day time fast passenger train preferably during morning hours from Kolkata to Murshidabad and vice-versa.